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For the Cincinnati Police Department officers, civilians, employees, retirees and their respective families.

They say good things come in threes, so who better to include in the masthead photo of the third issue of *The Blue Wave* than the White family triplets? The children, who turned two on October 29, are wonderful reminders of what the CPD is all about: insuring a safe community for all of our families. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2006 are (from left) Captain Eliot Isaac, Internal Investigations, keeping a firm grip on young Ethan White; Officer Robin White, District 3, holding Allyssa; Officer Doug White, District 3, with Shelby; Jim Olthaus Senior Computer Programmer Analyst and Stephanie Brewer, Emergency Services Dispatch Supervisor.

-Photo by Rick Adams.

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From the Desk of ...

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.,
Cincinnati Chief of Police

During the recent past, seven Cincinnati Police Officers have confronted suspicious people under circumstances that most certainly warranted police intervention. In each of those situations, our officers were met with gunfire from .45 caliber weapons at point blank range. Three of the seven officers received gunshot wounds; one a grazing wound in the right shoulder, one shot in the knee and the third officer shot in the face. All officers reacted according to their training and in each situation, the suspect was apprehended. More importantly, all seven officers exercised incredible self control in the face of extreme danger and were therefore, able to protect themselves from further injury while continuing into the path of harm's way. This display of tenacity, determination, courage and valor are the benchmarks of police officers whose commitment to excellence has surpassed the traditional boundaries of standard performance.

I believe it is important to note that each of these incidents were fluid scenarios marked by a

constant evolution of circumstances which required the immediate response of many officers from a variety of units, sections and districts. Officers, who initially responded, did so with forethought and discipline which ensured escape routes were quickly sealed and perimeters established. This action permitted a methodical, calculated and successful search for our suspects. Supervisors who assumed command of these situations skillfully coordinated the department's response to crime scenes with obvious attention to the seven critical tasks. The results were outstanding as safety of all personnel was ensured, crime scenes were secured allowing preservation and recovery of critical evidence, accurate communications established and proper guidance administered in the management of these critical incidents. Implementation of established procedures ensured resources were deployed successfully, maximizing the department's operational effectiveness and efficiency.

I firmly believe the department's response to these incidents should serve as an inspiration to

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DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR . . .



At their swearing in as new lieutenants in City Council Chambers by Mayor Mark Mallory are (from left) Michael Fern, Deborah Bauer, Christine Briede, Lisa Davis and Brett Isaac. See story and additional photos on page 3.

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From the Desk of ...

each and every member of our organization. The operational response and related investigations clearly reflect the personal commitment, loyalty and dedication to duty entrenched within the ranks of the Cincinnati Police Department. I offer my humble appreciation to each and every member of our organization who contributed to the successful conclusion of these investigations.

More importantly and on behalf of a grateful city, I offer my personal thanks to Police Officers Jeremy Howard, Colleen Deegan and Jason Hubbard of General Vice Control Section/Street Corner Unit; Police Specialists Brian Trotta and Jennifer Luke of Criminal Investigation Section/Homicide Unit; Police Officers Lauren Smith and Kristina Holtmann of District Four for their selfless devotion to duty and their continued display of excellence. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity to be associated with each of you and this magnificent Police Department. I look forward to our continued success! 🇺🇸

A special note to sworn and civilian retirees, widows and widowers from Chief Streicher.

If you have not yet contacted CPD's Personnel Section to verify that you wish to remain on the mailing list and continue to receive *The Blue Wave*, we need you to do so as soon as possible. You will not receive any further issues of *The Blue Wave* without making this request. There is a short article on page 11 with information on how to do this. We hope to hear from you soon as we would like to stay in touch with you and keep you notified of all the good things happening here at CPD.



Several weeks ago at a business gathering celebrating a \$10,000 donation from J.C. Penney Co. in support of the YMCA's "Lights on After School" program, Chief Tom Streicher spoke to an audience that unexpectedly was predominately children. He adapted his remarks on the spot speaking to the youngsters about good citizenship and the importance of school. Several of the children raced to pose with him after the talk with one youngster trying his head cover on for size (these recruits are getting younger and younger...). With Chief Streicher are (from left, front row), Delonta Beal and Darien Conley; (from left, middle row) D'Andre Conley, Cameron Neal, Eugene Mapp and Virgill Williams and (from left back row) William Marshall and Timothy Lindsey.

- Photo by Mark Bowen.

DISTRICT 3 RECEIVES \$600 GRANT FROM "TARGET AND BLUE"

District 3 has been presented with a \$600 grant by "Target and Blue," a program that the Target corporation's Assets Protection division began in 1990 to supplement local and national law enforcement resources. Since its inception, Target has provided more than \$3 million to law enforcement agencies across the nation. The program provides assistance in obtaining state-of-the art technology used by retailers to assist police in data management and tracking.

The grant application was made by Detective Pam Clark of the D3 Investigative Unit. Clark learned about the "Target and Blue" program through her follow-up work on incidents at the Western Hills Target store where she worked with

Assets Protection Manager Marc Stallo. Stallo invited her to apply for the grant, which was awarded to the Cincinnati Police Department's District 3 in February.

The District will use the grant money to purchase a program called Dazzle; this program is a combination of software and camera-based hardware. The technology turns frames from video cameras into still photos in a matter of seconds which helps with the identification of suspects and distribution of their photos to other potential business targets, as well as law enforcement agencies. Dazzle will not only help D3 better serve Target, but all businesses within the District who use video surveillance equipment will benefit from Target's partnership with the Cincinnati police. 🇺🇸

Captain Andrew Raabe, District 3 Commander accepts a check from Target Asset Protection Manager Marc Stallo while Detective Pam Clark of the District 3 Investigative Unit looks on.



DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR . . .

Mayor Mark Mallory and members of City Council joined City Manager David Rager on December 16 in City Council Chambers for a ceremony honoring 33 members of the Police Department who had been promoted over the last several months. Three lieutenant colonels, four captains, six lieutenants, twelve sergeants and eight specialists were honored.

Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr. introduced each of the officers, reading a short biography on each. Several had military service records. In addition, some had other family members – fathers, siblings, spouses and children – who were also recognized for their military service or their work, past or present, as members of the CPD, other police departments, fire departments or emergency services.

Many of those family members were present at the ceremony and applause greeted each as they were asked to stand and be recognized.

The mayor administered the oath of office to the officers. “On behalf of the City of Cincinnati, we know these individuals face that job with dignity and with pride . . . [and] we continue to be grateful to them,” said Mayor Mallory.

The new lieutenant colonels were sworn in individually and each one made brief remarks following his swearing in. This is the first time three new assistant chiefs were sworn in at the same time. The remaining officers were sworn in in groups according to their ranks.

The Chambers were filled to standing room only by friends and family members of the officers and Chief

Streicher encouraged them to step up and take photos as the officers were presented. Laughter, applause and cheers from the audience were the order of the day as they proudly watched the ceremony. The 33 officers made up one of the largest groups in recent memory to have been sworn in at the same time. 🇺🇸



Sergeant Daniel P. McShane is congratulated by Mayor Mark Mallory. Standing in the background are Sergeants Daryl Grant and Darryll Davis.



(From left) Captains Kimberly Frey, Paul Broxterman, Jeffrey Butler, Jr., and Howard Rahtz are sworn in by Mayor Mallory.



The three new assistant chiefs following their swearing in: (from left) Lieutenant Colonels Vincent Demasi, James Whalen and Michael Cureton.



Receiving congratulations from the mayor are (from left) Specialists Douglas Smith, Michelle Richmond, William Hahn, and Kevin Kroger.

Do you solemnly swear

that you will support –

the Constitution of the United States of America,

the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, and

the charter, laws and ordinances of the City of Cincinnati,

and that you will faithfully discharge the duties of

the office of _____ to which you have been appointed

according to law and the best of your ability?

THEY WERE THE FIRST



On their February 9, 1946, graduation day from the Police Academy are (from the left) Elizabeth Degenhardt, Lucy Rankin, Wanda Basham and Ruth Weller along with Chief of Police Eugene Weatherly. As commissioned policewomen their starting salary was \$1,950 annually. Patrolmen received \$520 more in annual pay.

Sixty years ago on February 9, 1946, the 15th Police Recruit class completed its nine-week training course and graduated 43 members.

The class was unique in several ways. The first recruit class to graduate since 1942, it included 23 veterans of World War II. It also had the first ever women recruits.

Wanda Basham, Elizabeth Degenhardt, Lucy Rankin and Ruth Weller became Cincinnati's first four "policewomen" on that day. In 1947 Rankin moved to California for health reasons and after a few years Basham transferred to another City department. But Degenhardt and Weller spent their careers policing, eventually retiring from the CPD in 1970 and 1974 respectively, both with the rank of Specialist.

Now residing in Sun City, Arizona, Elizabeth Degenhardt Pack reminisces, "I was a registered nurse doing private duty work. One night a friend mentioned that the City wanted women on the police force. I was 28 and liked new challenges.

I took the exam, had an interview and I was in the Academy."

Weller, who lives in the same College Hill home where she was raised, notes that "I was working as a secretary at a kind of dreary place and had had enough. One day Dad showed me an ad in the paper that said they were looking for qualified women to join the police. I took the exam and made it. It wasn't a calling; I was 25 and it was a good job. But my brother, Albert, was a policeman and he encouraged me.

"The Academy was interesting. When we were learning about state and local statutes we found there were some funny laws on the books. One was that it was illegal to drive pigs in the street at night. Never ran into that problem!" says Weller.

While in the Academy the women heard that then Chief of Police Eugene Weatherly had said two would make it, two wouldn't. Upset, the four women went to see him.

"The chief didn't mince words. He told us he hadn't wanted us in the first place, we'd been forced on him by some women's groups and he didn't know what to do with us. He thought we belonged at home. But we stuck it out and I think he changed his mind after awhile, because he actually requested policewomen for some specific assignments," says Pack.

"He did change," agrees Weller. "We just had to prove ourselves."

Pack was given Badge 78 and Weller Badge 510 and they began their police careers in Youth Aid where they handled truancy, runaways, abandonment, neglect and abuse cases. "Child abuse was an issue then, as now," said Weller. "And we did other special cases. I once investigated a chiropractor who was operating without a license. It's a good thing I was limber because when he cracked my neck, he about cracked me!"

Other assignments included nabbing a blackmailer, uncovering merchants violating Ohio's blue laws by selling merchandise on Sunday and on a number of occasions investigating fortune tellers. "Fortune telling was illegal and was usually done by gypsies. It was funny that not one so-called fortune teller ever knew I was a policewoman!" says Weller.

She smiles remembering another incident that happened.

"I had a boy in our office who was climbing over, under and into everything. At one point I looked and he had his finger in the pencil sharpener starting to turn it. I had barely pulled him back into a chair again when I heard feet thumping up the stairs from District 1 and racing down the hall. Several men burst into the room and said 'What's happening? What's wrong?' I looked at the boy and said 'You didn't!' He just grinned. We had a "panic" button to hit in case of trouble and when he was crawling around, he had found it and set it off."

The women initially were not issued firearms. "There was a shortage of guns because of the war, so only the men had guns. After about a year they got us snub-

nosed .38s which we carried in our shoulder bags,” says Pack.

“The song ‘Pistol Packin’ Mama’ was popular and everywhere we went, someone would start singing it,” sighs Weller.

She also recalls “They didn’t have enough cars at first either. We police-women had bus passes and would take the bus to whatever case we were working on. Then if we needed a car to pick someone up and bring them in, we’d find a telephone and call for help. Finally, they had enough cars and told us we could drive, but none of us had a valid license. I had never learned to drive. The men taught us how.”

The women wore civilian clothes throughout their careers. “I would not have wanted a uniform. In civilian clothes we could approach people and they wouldn’t know we were police,” says Weller.

Pack recalls an adolescent who was special to her. “The girl’s father had molested her. The court stepped in and got her a place to live at the Y. She worked part-time, plus went to school and I kept in touch. When it was time for her high school graduation, I took her to Jenny’s dress shop on Fourth Street and bought her a special graduation dress and then attended her graduation. None of her family came. It always makes me feel good to know I helped her.”

“The worst day for me,” says Weller quietly, “was in 1967 when my brother died.” Sergeant Albert Weller was chasing a suspect on a party boat on the river when he had a massive heart attack. “I was the officer who went to tell his children their daddy wouldn’t be coming home again. He was a good man.”

The two women have been close friends since their Academy days. When

Pack married in 1960, Weller was her maid of honor. “We hit it off,” says Pack. “We had a lot in common on and off the job. Ruth is reserved, but she notices things and I liked working with her.”

“Beth is a talker,” chuckles Weller, “and a very good friend.”

When asked about today’s women officers, Pack exclaims “I wouldn’t do it now. They are too rough and tumble for me. But I enjoyed what I did and made some wonderful friends.

“We weren’t trying to make a statement. We just wanted to do a good job.” 🗿

- Thanks to former PS Pat Whalen Herron for suggesting this story.

VINCENT DEMASI APPOINTED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE



Lieutenant Colonel Vince Demasi, Colonel Tom Streicher and Assistant Fire Chief Mose Demasi.

Captain Vincent Demasi was sworn in as Assistant Chief of the CPD on November 23 by City Manager David Rager in the presence of his family including his younger brother, Assistant Fire Chief Mose Demasi. He now holds the rank of lieutenant colonel and heads the Administration Bureau where he is responsible for inter-bureau planning tasks and special research. Training, Planning and Internal Investigations are also under him.

A native of Cincinnati, Demasi

joined the CPD in 1975 as a police cadet. Laid off in late 1976 due to budget cuts, he went to work for Springfield Township as a dispatcher and police officer. In 1980, he became a member of the 60th Recruit Class. He was promoted to sergeant in 1990, lieutenant in 1993, and captain in 1998. From July 2002 to 2004 he served as acting assistant chief. At the time of his appointment, he was the Investigations Bureau Liaison.

From 1988 to 1992 Demasi was president of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). During that time he spearheaded the campaign that successfully raised private donations to build a memorial honoring Cincinnati’s 100 officers who had been killed in the line of duty. “It had been talked about for years, but nothing had happened. Chief Larry Whalen agreed to work with me to get it done.” Demasi also took the local FOP from near bankruptcy in 1988, to a fiscally strong entity by the end of his tenure.

A graduate of Roger Bacon High, Demasi earned his bachelor of science in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati in 1982. In 1997, he received a master of business administration from Xavier University.

Demasi credits two customers of his father’s shoe repair shop with his becoming a police officer. “I’d had trouble in school and my grandmother, mother and father worked hard to get me on the right path. When Lieutenant Bob Morgan and Officer Dave D’Erminio took an interest in me, it made a difference.

“Policing is an enormous challenge, but enormously rewarding when you have helped get people the assistance needed. We really get back far more than we put in. Who would have thought that a misbehaving youngster like I was would one day protect the President, the Vice President and help put murderers in jail? It is an extremely gratifying career,” says Demasi.

Demasi and his wife, Sherry, have three children. 🗿

BUILDING BRIDGES AT D4

~ Story and photography by Patricia Trubow



Chief Elf (and former D4 Timekeeper) Marci Lamb and some of D4's many helpers. From the left are Collator Angie Ward, Officer Louis Arnold, Officer LaDon Laney, Officer Alexander Hasse, Marci Lamb, D4 Commander Captain Richard Schmalz, Officer Marcus Sherman, Collator Cheryl Lambing, Officer Steven Brown and Clerk Typist 2 Kathy Brackett.

For the fifth year in a row, District 4's holiday community party made Christmas brighter for 100-plus area residents. A major factor in its success is the multitude of people who assist in putting it on. Ask Officer LaDon Laney why the party attracts so much help and his face lights in a smile.

"That's easy. You just can't say 'no' to Miss Marci!"

He is referring to Marcella Lamb, who now works in Communications, but until recently was D4's timekeeper. Lamb conceived of the party and has spearheaded it each year. But ask Lamb what makes the event successful and she cites everyone but herself.

"First, our commander, Captain [Richard] Schmalz not only encourages us, but helps out, too," says Lamb. And the heart of it is our officers who work in the neighborhoods. They identify people who need extra help, plus give their time, their money. There are so many that help us! Ross Love sends a check as do several businesses, such as Sonny's Café & Lounge. Kroger's, Popeye's Chicken and LaRosa's give us food. A business group, Associate Police Captains, gives us tons of candy. People bring cookies, decorations. Everyone in District 4 helps in some way, plus the other districts and units get involved, adopting people from the list and buying gifts.

"All of us who work here are fortunate. We have good jobs, homes and food on the table. I don't have all the material things I'd like to have, but I have all I need for a good life. Blessings mean nothing unless you share them and our officers see so many people with very basic needs. This is our way of helping," says Lamb.

"Plus, some citizens forget that the police are people, too. Each officer is someone's child, someone else's husband or wife, mother or daddy. Police have good days and bad ones, like to have fun, and can feel hurt or sad. Getting everyone together helps the citizens see us as regular

"Working on this is the best part of the holiday for me. I feel blessed to know all these good people who help make it happen." ~Marci Lamb



Marci Lamb and friend. . . HO! HO! HO!



Right: Specialist Charles Dukes and Santa (aka Officer Curtis Walker) with one of the happy guests.



Two of D4's special guests enjoy the day.

Sergeant Julie Shearer adds sparkle on the tambourine.

people," she says.

"Marci's work has built many bridges into the community," says Captain Schmalz. "This enables us to show our citizens that the people who work here honestly care about them, which we do. She has been the driving force on this event."

For the first four years children were the focus of the event, but in 2005 the party centered on senior citizens.

"I'd like to say we have a grand plan, but the truth is each fall we just talk it out. We have a lot of seniors in the area and we felt they were a neglected group. Plus, there had been an attack on an elderly woman in our District. It seemed time to focus on the elderly," says Lamb.

"But we still covered kids through the 'Shop with a Cop' program," adds Laney.

Over 100 seniors were the honored guests at the December 16th party. Each had submitted a list of three desired items beforehand and been adopted by a "Secret Santa" who filled the wish list.

Special Metro buses transported people from senior centers and retirement facilities around D4 to the station. After lunch was served, the real fun began. A local kindergarten class, sporting blinking red noses, sang several holiday songs to the seniors. Then the band, "Most Wanted," started playing and their hour-long program of rock and roll hits had everyone bouncing to the beat.

Delighted laughter filled the room as the presents were distributed. Each senior had something special to take home.

"This party is one of the ways we provide special help to our residents," notes Laney, "and Marci Lamb is the one who keeps us organized, enthused, and on target. It helps all of us remember what Christmas is about." 🐼

Officer Jana Cruse honors Annie Ware as "2005 Senior of the Year." Ms. Ware lost a leg several years ago to illness. In March 2005 she was attacked outside her home and beaten so severely her other leg had to be amputated. Despite this, she has remained a positive spirit to all who know her. The attack on her was a major impetus in the decision to make D4's party this year for senior citizens.

Along with several of the guests, Officer Chuck White, Kathy Brackett, Sergeant Carolyn Williams and Specialist Michelle Richmond had a lively snake dance down the aisle.



From the moment the first notes of "Play That Funky Music" filled the air, the Most Wanted rock group had everyone in the room swaying to the beat. Two of the band's regular members, Indian Hill Ranger Nan Bongiani, and CPD's own Lieutenant Denise Carpenter, show that the Energizer Bunny has nothing on them when it comes to going and going and going!

Angie Ward wraps one of the hundreds of donated gifts while Officer LaDon Laney looks on.



- Thanks to Lt. Col. Cindy Combs for suggesting this story.



And a good time was had by all!

TWO SENIOR SUPERVISORS RETIRE

This January saw the retirement of two of the CPD's most senior civilian supervisors: Emergency Services Dispatch Supervisors Linda Backscheider and Ron Schuster.

When the two started their work in the Dispatch Center, each as an Assistant Operator/Dispatcher, all the positions were filled by police officers.

"However, the City needed more officers on the street and so began moving civilians into the dispatch jobs," said Schuster. "There was concern about civilians doing it, but over time and with training by the officers, we learned the ropes. I brought a great deal of respect for the police to my work and we worked side by side. Gradually, Communications has become almost 100 percent civilian, as opposed to 100 percent uniform."

In the early years of their work, runs were entered on cards and read over the dispatcher's radio. Through the years the two have seen the computerization of the work, the birth of the 911 emergency call system, the combination of police/fire communications dispatching and the switch from analog to digital telephone service.

"The differences technology has brought to the speed of our response are incredible," says Schuster. "For example, with the analog phones, it would take 20 seconds or so to connect with an operator as the caller went through the telephone company's routing system. Now the connection averages about one second or less. In 1975, we gathered information on pencil and paper. Today it is all CAD – computer assisted dispatch and the speed and thoroughness CAD offers has meant better service quality."

After a few years of work as Assistant Operator/Dispatcher, they were each promoted to Operator/Dispatcher, and then eventually to supervisory positions.

Backscheider started with CPD in 1972 as a cadet, but was laid off a short time later as part of widespread City budget cuts. She was called back to a clerical position at City Hall and three years



Linda Backscheider

later returned to CPD in dispatch work. She was also offered an opportunity to enter the Police Academy. "I was actually on the way out the door for my agility test," says Backscheider, when she had second thoughts and dropped out of the process. Backscheider spent much of her career as training supervisor, promoted to the position in 1992. For the last few years she has supervised the tape room. Here, along with one other employee, she has made tapes for the media, attorneys, officers, supervisors and others who have had a need to review a dispatch communication.



Ron Schuster

Schuster started in 1975 as part of a federally funded program. Like his colleague, he was later promoted to a supervisor and has spent the last several years doing technical support. "The coordination of the 911 system and the expanded Communications function and fine tuning it has been a real challenge for me," he says.

"Because of their long tenure, Linda and Ron, along with Barry Whitton, have brought a great deal of continuity to

Communications and that's benefited all of the CPD. In one way or another, those three have been responsible for training virtually everyone who works there, civilian and sworn. Fortunately, Barry is going to stay with us for awhile," said Lieutenant Colonel Cindy Combs, "because we will miss Ron and Linda very much. They carry a lot of history and knowledge in their heads and it has been an enormous help as the Communications function has expanded, improved and changed."

Schuster's initial retirement plans include some projects around the house. "But I have a lot of good years left and expect to move onto some new challenges. I'm going to relax for a bit first, however!"

Backscheider's plans include companion pet rescue work. "I have a weakness for mixed breeds, especially hounds. I am also intrigued by the older ones and black dogs, because those are the last ones people will adopt out of a shelter. Those are the ones I choose." She has had a log home built in rural Indiana on several acres and plans to foster animals there. "One day I'll die and there will probably be the story about the woman with 200 dogs and 300 cats," she laughs. "It'll be me!"

"But I'm glad to know that people I worked for appreciated the fact I did a decent job, and that they were satisfied with my work. Now I am looking forward to something new." 🐾

- Thanks to Lt. Col. Cindy Combs and Lt. Kurt Byrd for suggesting this story.



In December Clerk Typist 3 Rose Walker retired from the Communications Section after 17 years of service. For the last several years, Rose was responsible for dispensing the CPD's radio equipment and keeping track of its whereabouts. She's been an important part of keeping Communications functioning smoothly and will be missed.

TRANSITIONS

Promotions

Congratulations to the following individuals whose promotions became effective during the fourth quarter of 2005. We wish them great success with their new responsibilities.

Sworn Personnel Promotions

- Lieutenant Paul F. Broxterman to Captain
- Lieutenant Jeffrey L. Butler, Jr. to Captain
- Lieutenant Kimberly A. Frey to Captain
- Sergeant Deborah A. Bauer to Lieutenant
- Sergeant Christine P. Briede to Lieutenant
- Sergeant Lisa A. Davis to Lieutenant
- Sergeant Emmet L. Gladden to Lieutenant
- Sergeant Bret T. Isaac to Lieutenant
- Specialist Thomas A. Coombs to Sergeant
- Specialist Darryll A. Davis to Sergeant
- Specialist Daryl A. Grant to Sergeant
- Specialist Daniel P. McShane to Sergeant
- Specialist Jason S. Mummert to Sergeant
- Specialist John P. Murray to Sergeant
- Specialist Stefanie C. Torlop to Sergeant
- Specialist Matthew J. Vogeler to Sergeant
- Specialist Michael L. Williams to Sergeant
- Officer William D. Hahn to Specialist
- Officer Kevin T. Kroger to Specialist

Note: Some of the 33 people promoted at the Dec. 16 ceremony were listed in the fall edition of *The Blue Wave*.

Non-Sworn Personnel Promotions

- Carmen L. Avery to Operator/Dispatcher
- Ronald R. Beardsley to Senior Accountant

- Angela S. Daniels to Assistant Operator/Dispatcher
- Diana L. Fluehmann to Assistant Operator/Dispatcher
- Janelle M. Haney to Operator/Dispatcher
- George L. Kirkland to Assistant Operator/Dispatcher
- Julie Pratt to Assistant Operator/Dispatcher
- Kathryn H. Wabnitz to Emergency Services Dispatch Supervisor
- Sonya L. Williams to Emergency Services Dispatch Supervisor
- Donna M. Wolff to Emergency Services Dispatch Supervisor

New Appointment

We welcome back from active military duty in Iraq Recruit Donald T. Hamlet who will be in the 100th Recruit Class. He is working at the Academy.

New Hires/Transfers

We welcome the following new hires or transfers from other City departments into the CPD family.

- Ryan K. Bomar, E911 Operator
- LaVerne E. Coombs, E911 Operator
- Sheena S. Robinson, E911 Operator
- Kasea L. Thomas, Clerk Typist 1
- Virginia Vornhagen, Clerk Typist 3 (from Community Development)

Retirements

The following people retired between October 1 and December 31, 2005. Their years of service are appreciated and they will be missed. We wish them a long and happy retirement!

36 Years

- Officer Charles K. Weinschelbaum, District 4

25 Years

- Specialist Diana L. Maxwell, Criminal Investigations Section

24 Years

- Sergeant John M. Boertlein, Court Property Unit

17 Years

- Clerk Typist 3 Cecelia R. Walker, Communications Section

IN MEMORIAM



The following members and retired members of the Cincinnati Police Department passed away between July 1 and December 31, 2005. We regret their passing, and remember with joy both their service to the community and their friendship with us.

Matron Lois A. Crabtree of Cincinnati, died July 20, 2005 at age 87, served from 1942-1971

Captain Norbert E. Tieke of Cincinnati, died August 29, 2005 at age 69, served from 1957-1987

Specialist Floyd B. Lanter of Cincinnati, died September 30, 2005 at age 57, served from 1967-2000, then continued as Criminalist from 2000-2005

Officer John T. O'Neil of Cincinnati, died October 6, 2005 at age 88, served from 1939-1952

Officer William H. Jones of Cincinnati, died October 26, 2005 at age 86, served from 1947-1973

Captain Arthur W. Harmon of Cincinnati, died December 16, 2005 at age 86, served from 1947-1989

FBI AWARD PRESENTED TO MORALES

Sergeant Sylvia Morales, District 3, was presented with the 2005 FBI Director's Community Leadership award. It was presented to her on December 5 by Stanley J. Borgia, Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Morales received this award as the result of her on-going efforts to establish liaisons between the police and the Hispanic community of Greater Cincinnati. She regularly volunteers her time to work within the Hispanic community, explaining the role of law enforcement in modern society. She has done extensive work instructing local Hispanic people on issues of personal safety and how to avoid becoming a crime victim.

Morales has also worked with the Regional Community Policing Institute at Great Oaks to develop a basic Spanish language curriculum for police and fire personnel to enable public safety officers to better communicate with Spanish-speaking people.

In making the presentation, Borgia praised Morales for her extensive and proactive work to bridge communication and cultural gaps between the different law enforcement agencies and the community they serve.



Sergeant Sylvia Morales, FBI Special Agent in Charge Stanley Borgia and Captain Andrew Raabe, District 3 Commander at the award ceremony.

HAMILTON COUNTY POLICE ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Two CPD officers were presented with the Emil J. Otting Award for 2005 at the January 12, 2006, annual dinner of the Hamilton County Police Association (HCPA). This award is given for excellence in police work that both contributes to the mission of the HCPA of "cooperation in operation," as well as benefits the citizens of Hamilton County. The award memorializes Colonel Emil J. Otting of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Specialist Leon Locke and Officer Richard Judon were cited for their accomplishments in identifying bank robbers and making successful arrests. Since they were assigned in 2003 to exclusively investigate Cincinnati bank robberies, their clearance rate has never been below 60 percent. In 2005, the pair made 21 successful arrests out of 22 cases, a clearance rate of 95 percent. DNA evidence was recovered by the team in their only unsolved robbery, making it a virtual lock for solvability. The two have also cleared the last half dozen bank robberies of 2004.

In addition to their work within CPD's jurisdiction, Locke and Judon have assisted in successful investigations in North College Hill, Green Township,

Springfield Township, Colerain Township and Dayton, Ohio. They assisted in clearing three robberies in Columbus. The team provided critical information for clearances of bank robberies in Syracuse, New York, Covington and Fort Wright, Kentucky and Birmingham, Alabama.



(From the left) Lieutenant Steve Kramer, who nominated the men, and award winners Specialist Leon Locke and Officer Richard Judon.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY NOW?

Lieutenant Colonel William Bracke

Retired 1986, 34 years

"Probably the best part of my retirement is not being called away from family events because of emergencies," says this retired assistant chief. "It is part of the job, but it is tough on our families." Bracke is especially pleased about the continued success of the School Resource Officers program which he was responsible for setting up, working on it with Handy Matthews. He also determined the design and colors of the Department's cars "which are still being followed today. It makes me smile when I see those cars on the street!" He enjoys playing golf and is active in the Masons, participating in both Scottish Rite and Shriners. Bracke and his wife, Aline, have done some traveling during his retirement, including trips to a few major port cities in the U.S. to visit their grandson, who is in the Navy. They live in Western Hills.

Captain Dan Bagot

Retired 1987, 31 years

Although he was a lieutenant when he retired as CPD Inspector, Bagot was later

Ever wonder what happened to your co-workers after they retired from the CPD? This column will do brief profile updates on a few retirees each issue.

retroactively promoted to captain, and happily reports that the promotion included three years' back pay, the insignia and captain's retirement pay. He still enjoys playing the piano and guitar but warns "You really don't want to pay to hear me!" An avid fisherman, Bagot spends time each summer at area lakes. A favorite part of his retirement is the informal "retired policemen's breakfast club" that meets at 8:30 a.m. every Saturday at Joyce's Restaurant in Harrison. "Rank doesn't matter; we're just good friends. Any retiree who would like to come is welcome to join us. No dues!" He and his wife, Catherine, live in Green Township and recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Media Specialist Cathy Boone

Retired 2003, 24 years

After working 36 years, Cathy Boone "just relaxed" following retirement from the Police Academy and then took a few trips, visiting upstate New York, Florida and Ireland. Her big news is that on November 11, she will be getting married "for the first time!" Twenty-nine years ago she was an attendant in a wedding and was "paired up" with Chuck Dryden, the

groom's brother, for the walk back up the aisle. The two hit it off, but fell out of touch. Chuck's sister-in-law, who had remained good friends with Cathy, reunited the couple two years ago and "things just clicked!" Their first date included Chuck's then 13-year-old son from a previous marriage. Last December 4 Chuck proposed, giving her an engagement ring on Christmas Eve. The bride-elect says the couple is house hunting in Boone County, to be nearer to Chuck's employer. "For a West Side girl to move out of the West Side to Kentucky, is almost as big a change as getting married," she laughs.

Sergeant Handy L. Matthews

Retired 1980, 29 years

After retiring from District One, Matthews taught a high school criminal justice course that fed its graduates into the CPD cadet program. He was at Aiken when the program ended due to budget cuts. Principal Roger Effron remembered Matthew's work at the Youth Bureau and with Handy wrote a job description for a home-school coordinator based on that work. The City implemented it, putting two coordinators in every public junior high. He retired from Schwab Junior

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This is the last issue of *The Blue Wave* retirees will receive without requesting to continue to receive it!

Because the CPD does not administer and mail pensions, the list of retirees with addresses on file with the CPD itself is incomplete. The easiest way of assuring an accurate mailing list is to start from scratch.

Sworn and civilian CPD retirees who wish to continue to receive *The Blue Wave* or be put on the mailing list if not receiving it, **must** contact the CPD Personnel Section. Widows/widowers of retirees or those who died in service are also eligible

to receive the newsletter and are asked to make the same contact.

Due to budget limitations, the newsletter cannot be mailed to those who retired from another City department and had not completed at least 15 years of service at the CPD itself.

Contact can be made either by mail, telephone or e-mail with Lieutenant Alan March, who heads the Personnel Section. The form at right may be filled out and mailed to him, or he can be called or e-mailed. His contact information is:

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City, State, Zip
Home telephone (with area code)
Rank/position at retirement

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High in 1992, but after two years became restless and has since worked security for Western & Southern. His first wife, Patsy, passed away in 1986. In 1992 he married Pat Estes. The two have enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Mexico, the Bahamas and Jamaica and plan a June trip to Alaska. "We left New Orleans one week before Katrina and say 'thank you, Jesus' for that," he exclaims. The couple lives in Hyde Park. "I stay busy and enjoy life every day!"

Specialist Charles May

Retired 1984, 30 years

Shortly after he retired from the force, May became an investigator for the Ohio State Racing Commission, the first CPD officer to do this. He was a supervisor/ field investigator until 1995, responsible for four of the state's seven race tracks. He tried to retire again, but was recruited to work security at River Downs during its racing season. May lives with his wife, Mary Ann, in a condo in Dent and the two enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren. "I still miss Cass, my German Shepherd partner in Canine Patrol. He was the best part-

ner I ever had and covered my back more times than I can say. Cass lived in our home and my four children grew up with him. We trained together in St. Louis and were a real team."

Supervising Clerk Robert Roeper

Retired 1978, 35 years

Robert Roeper was involved in a horse shoe playing league for 14 years which "got me out with friends and I had a really good time. I still go and watch them some." Along with wife Anna, he made several enjoyable trips to California, Florida and "Las Vegas, too!" Anna began having increasingly serious health problems several years ago and Roeper became her loving caregiver. This last July 3, a few days after their 49th anniversary, Anna passed away. A monthly support group has been a great comfort, helping him cope with his loss. He also visits his mentally disabled step-daughter, Janet, each month. "I don't say step-father. I'm her father," he says. "She's my girl." A smile lights his voice as he recalls, "I made it through a lot of police chiefs!" He lives in Westwood.

Story Ideas?

If you have an idea for a good story for *The Blue Wave*, you may contact the editor directly, Patsy Trubow, at 859-746-0100, or e-mail her at Trubow@HollisterTrubow.com. You may also contact CPD Public Information Officer Lieutenant Kurt Byrd at 352-3515 or e-mail him at kurt.byrd@cincinnati-oh.gov.



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